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U.S. Patent No. 5,336,444 corresponds to JP-A-06-56545

U.S. Patent No. 5,468,445 corresponds to JP-A-06-56545

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